

Subject No. 102.

The levy of Octroi duty in Municipal Towns to be put up to sale every year.
Mr. Lakshmi Narnappa, Shanbhog, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is desirable that the right to levy of octroi duty in Municipal Towns should be auctioned every year in the interest of Municipal Revenue.

Reply of Government.—Each Municipality can take action when it is deemed desirable.

Subject No. 103.

Discontinuance of night-watch in Unions.
Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The system of night-watch has been recently introduced into the Unions under orders of Government. It has subjected respectable persons to annoyance at the hands of village servants. The toti visits the houses in the evening with a club in his hand and calls out the owner of the house to take charge of the club in token of his turn of the night-watch having come round. The majority of the inhabitants are high caste people and unaccustomed to the sort of accommodation available in the chavadi. They have to go and sleep there to the detriment of their health. It may not matter to the inhabitants of smaller villages where the chavadi usually is a better building than their houses. The practice in question may be discontinued and 2 or 3 men added to the Police force and their salary debited to the funds of the Unions.

Reply of Government.—Enquiry will be made if it is a fact that this is being for the first time enforced in Unions which were formerly Municipalities.

Subject No. 104.

Appointment of Engineers to supervise Local and District Funds and Municipal works.
Mr. M. Subba Rao of Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—No satisfactory work is expected to be turned out in the Local and district Funds and Municipal Departments as the work is being executed under the supervision of Amildars, who are not professional men and who have got multifarious duties to attend to. It is therefore requested that a professional Engineer may be appointed to each District to supervise these works or payment may be ordered to be made as soon as the work is checked by the Public Works Department.

Reply of Government.—A separate agency cannot be organized for want of sufficient funds. Works requiring professional skill are being executed by the D. P. W. In other cases the D. P. W. members on the Boards may easily be consulted when necessary.

Subject No. 105.

A Musafirkhana at Kodigenhalli.
Mr. Puttabariyappa of Maddagiri.

Summary of discussion.—Kodigenhalli is on the way from Maddagiri to Hindupur and is also a mercantile centre. A Musafirkhana may be built here for the convenience of travellers.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the District Board.

Subject No. 106.

Construction of Musafirkhanas in convenient places on high roads.
Messrs. M. Venkatkrishnaiah, M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Madappa and Anantharajaiya of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Musafirkhanas may be constructed in convenient places on all high roads leading to the Mysore City.

Withdrawn.